

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 55
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Senator Tommy G. Haun for his unparalleled service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, It is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their elected duties with the utmost integrity and singular devotion, and whose efforts to ensure competent and efficient public service have brought immeasurable benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Senator Tommy G. Haun is one such distinguished public servant who served his constituency and this legislative body for fourteen years with great honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Born in Cleveland, Tennessee, Senator Haun received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from East Tennessee State University; he lives in Greeneville, where he works as an insurance agent; and

WHEREAS, Senator Haun has previously served his community well as Chairman of the Greene County Board of Education, and remains a popular and highly influential figure in the political and civic landscapes of Greene County as a member of the Greeneville/Greene County

Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Lifeunderwriters, and the Greeneville Exchange Club; and

WHEREAS, During his fourteen years in the General Assembly, the last eight of which he served the people of District One as Senator, Tommy Haun was respected in Nashville as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always voted his conscience, with the best interest of the people of Tennessee and of his District in mind; and

WHEREAS, Senator Haun was a dynamic participant in the legislative process, and he earned the universal admiration of his colleagues for his outstanding contributions and his service as a member of the Senate State and Local Government Committee, the Fiscal Review Committee, and the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, he served with distinction as Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee for his full tenure in the Senate; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Haun earned the respect of his colleagues and constituents alike for the conviction and intelligence he displayed in discharging his duties; most recently, he has been appointed by Governor Don Sundquist to serve on the TennCare Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, A master of compromise, Senator Haun is highly admired in the General Assembly for his ability to bring those of disparate opinions together on issues and legislation for the common good of the people of the this great State; and

WHEREAS, Senator Haun earned the loyalty of his exemplary staff by proving his loyalty to them, and he gained the admiration of people and organizations throughout Tennessee for his tireless efforts to improve the quality of life of this jState's citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Senator Haun was thrice recognized as Legislator of the Year for Upper East Tennessee: for the 96th General Assembly (1989-1990), as Freshman Legislator of the Year; as Co-Legislator of the Year for the 97th General Assembly (1991-1992); and as the Legislator of the Year for the 98th General Assembly (1993-1994); and

WHEREAS, A great number of organizations recognized Senator Haun for his superior work in the General Assembly. Among the many awards he has received: the Legislator of the

Year Award from the Tennessee Association of Administration of Special Education, the Tennessee School Board Association, the Tennessee Development Districts Association, the Tennessee Association of Human Resource Agencies, and the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association; the Award of Appreciation from the Newport Rescue Squad, the Alzheimer's Lakeway Program, the Future Farmers of America Organization, and the Greene Valley Development Center; the Award of Distinguished Service from the Hands On! Regional Museum; Statesman of the Year from the Tennessee Optometric Association; and the Tennessee State Employees Award; and

WHEREAS, In addition to these numerous acknowledgments, Senator Haun has proven himself to be a true friend to the men and women who proudly serve this State as firefighters. He worked tirelessly to secure funding for the new Fire Academy, thus ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, In honor of the man who worked so diligently to fulfill their mission, the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association formally petitioned the General Assembly to designate Main Drive at the new Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy in Bedford County as "Senator Tommy Haun Boulevard;" this worthy idea was accomplished by the passage of Senate Joint Resolution No. 611 of the 102nd General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Senator Haun has also remained loyal to the farmers of Upper East Tennessee and is a true friend and steadfast supporter of their needs and concerns; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Haun is well-liked on Capitol Hill by members, staff, and lobbyists alike, and he is renowned for his charm, wit, and candor; and

WHEREAS, Despite the accolades that rained down upon him during his tenure in the General Assembly, Senator Haun has always been and remains a most humble servant to his fellow Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Senator Haun is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, His many accomplishments aside, Senator Haun considers himself fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Wendy Askins of Cookeville, and their daughters, Anna Marie Askins and Debany Haun; and

WHEREAS, Senator Haun is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; and

WHEREAS, It is an honor to pause in our deliberations to recognize our distinguished colleague; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Senator Tommy G. Haun for his estimable service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly, thank him for his tireless work in service of the good people of Senate District One, and commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of this State's citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Senator Haun our best wishes for much success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copy.